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Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 363

NOTICE.

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For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 784

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

M. R. J. S. SHOOKER has ceased to show our Firm per Procuration from the 15th Instant.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Hongkong, December 16, 1887. 2449

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 16, 1887. 2417

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE.

THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE CORDIALS.
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 804

Intimations.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 38, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 30th December, 1887, at 11 o'clock Forenoon.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2401

NOTICE.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION of the HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL will take place in the PAUL'S COLOSSEUM on FRIDAY, the 23rd Inst., at Noon. His Excellency the GOVERNOR has kindly consented to preside.

Hongkong, December 20, 1887. 2472

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE PASSENGERS by the American bark Edward May, which left Honolulu on the 11th Nov. with 220 Passengers for Hongkong and arrived here on the 10th Inst., beg to express their gratitude to Captain O. A. JOHNSON and the Chief Officer, M. D. MASTERY, for the good treatment they received at their hands and for the kind efforts they made to secure the comfort of all. They recommend intending Passengers to secure passage by the same Vessel, as they may rely on good treatment. A FLAG is to be Presented to the CAPTAIN in recognition of his Services.

Hongkong, December 21, 1887. 2462

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SARKIS BROTHERS,
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21st December, 1887. 2475

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ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2145

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Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1925

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Com. Ittee, will on the 2nd January, 1888, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of 80 per SHARE. Payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai BANKING CORPORATION, the same being at the rate of 10 per cent. per Annum on the paid up Capital of the Office for the year 1887, and notice is hereby given that in order that the same may be adjusted the Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be CLOSED from the 19th to 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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Hongkong, December 16, 1887. 2437

Business Notices.

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Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2462

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Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

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Hongkong, October 8, 1887. 1964

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Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG & MACAO GLASS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 30th December, 1887, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 21, 1887. 2470

THE HONGKONG & MACAO GLASS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A NEXT ORDINARY General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 30th December, 1887, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering a full Statement of the Affairs of the Company, and to receive the Chairman's Declaration at such Meeting, in accordance with Section 2 of Article 22 of the Articles of Association of the said Company.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 21, 1887. 2480

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand. Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, upon immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SMALL POX.

REGULATION MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE 7 OF 1883, THIS 47TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1887.

WHENEVER a case of SMALL-POX shall break out in any house or dwelling, the occupier or keeper of such house or dwelling, or the nearest adult relative of the patient, if the said relative is living in such house or dwelling, shall, on the nature of the case becoming known to him or her, report the same without delay to the nearest Police Station, under penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, such penalty to be recovered, as directed by Section 12 of Ordinance 7 of 1883.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2466

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

PASSENGERS can at the present time of the year engage Berths through to Europe, via Bombay, without change of steamer or increase of fare.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

3rd December, 1887. 2353

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Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 981

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Hongkong, January 19, 1888. 60

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 28th December, 1887, at Noon, on Board,—

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G. R. LAMBERT,
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Hongkong, December 5, 1887. 2365

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Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2130

TO LET.

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SIGNOR CRISPI AN UNSCRIPTED ADVERTISER.—The *Chicago Tribune* is responsible for the following:—Sig. Crispi, the Italian Premier, is now one of the great men of Europe. Everybody is talking about him; he visits to Prince Bismarck, and the triple alliance he has formed between Germany, Austria and Italy. Some even say it is a quadruple alliance, England being the fourth member. However that may be, Italy must now be ranked as a first-class power, and Sig. Crispi thus rises into the rank of leading European statesmen. Yet he is himself a pretty queer fish. His ability is unquestioned. His industry is marvelous. But his private morals are, to have been, most shady. He came to the first year ago, after a successful adventure in Cuba. Before Garibaldi bowled King Bomba out, Crispi was an exile from Italy and lived here much of the time. I married a Maltese woman, who had been laundress, and had considerable notoriety in the denat' quads. They say she supported him. He was once in a terrible fix. But Crispi came up for aid. When Garibaldi liberated Italy and brought Victor Emmanuel to the throne of Naples, Crispi returned to Italy and soon rose to a lessening position. The fact that he had been an exile was enough to put him in high favor. No one asked questions about his private life. He was a very popular man. But his washerwoman's wife! O, she cannot but hear the slip altogether. She simply got mad, as she never saw what the newspapers said about him, and she did not know what had become of him. So she gave him up for lost, supposing he had been killed in battle. Then he married again because he was quite so full of society. Rome. After this first marriage found where he was and what he was doing. So began an action against him for bigamy. In the case of the trial, Crispi owned to the couple he had lived with her, and everybody thought he cut a pretty disgraceful figure. Indeed, the whole world probably has agreed that he would probably have preferred to serve a term in prison had King Humbert personally interested himself in the matter. His Majesty had run pretty lively courses himself and was supposed to look with a lenient eye upon such lapses from virtue. Moreover, he recognized Crispi's past record as proving he didn't want to lose him. So his majesty allowed the matter compromised, and Crispi and his second wife returned their positions in Italian society.

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did not hear him make any remark about water in the engine-room."

By Staff-Commander Buckner:—"I should say the boat in which I came ashore was going at a speed of about three knots an hour. At twelve o'clock noon on the 3rd Dec. our position was correct by the land. I don't know whether soundings were taken during the night after we had set our course for the night. It was usual to do so when close to the land."

By the witness:—"I was third engineer of the *Lorne*. I hold no certificate. At midnight on the 3rd Dec. I was just going on watch when I felt the ship strike. At that time I was just by the main hatch on the upper deck. It seemed to me as if she was running at a speed of about eight or nine. I went into the engine-room to relieve the second engineer, and remained there till I was called up. The chief engineer, who had been on deck, came down beside me and told me no soundings could be got. We left the engine-room at once. To prevent the loss of time there was no water in the tank. The engines were stopped before I got below. When I went on deck I assisted to put out the two port boats. Then I went to my room and put on some thicker clothing. When I went out again I found the two port boats were being lowered to put out the starboard life-boat. The sailors had been sent ashore to get the passengers down to the beach, but the passengers were not there and we could not get her out. If there had been any sailors there we could have got her out. We next went to the other life-boat and tried to get her out but could not. Shortly afterwards the ship went down and we were trying to get out the boat. The boat came down on the deck and gave no resistance. When the ship went down, these Europeans, including the cabin passenger, Mr. Charles Ripley, were standing together by the smaller life-boat. Mr. Ripley was an American who joined us at Saigon. When I found myself in the water I got out the life-boat, which was floating keel up. We had cut her tackle previous to the ship going down. The chief engineer was on her. I swam to her and was followed by the second engineer and the third officer soon after. We were there for about half an hour when the other life-boat came off the stern. The third officer, chief officer, the steward, the fireman and some passengers were on her. She was right side up and afloat. We all started to get to her and all succeeded except the chief engineer. We remained altogether there for several hours. The Captain dived from the boat about eight minutes after the ship went down. She was drowned. The boat was continually turning over, one side of her being completely gone. It was on one of the occasions when she turned over that the mate was drowned. About two hours after Mr. Ripley dived. I remained on the boat till between five and six o'clock in the afternoon. About that time the dingy dived by us and I swam to her. The others did not follow me. The steward attempted to swim to the dingy, but did not manage it. I was picked up by a junk about ten o'clock on the following morning, which put me ashore at Hoihow. I was kindly treated by the junk people."

By Staff-Commander Buckner:—"I know the alucies were in good order, but I am not certain if they were always kept shut. I can't say whether there was any water in the main hold before the ship went down."

By Capt. H. J. Lorne:—"The chief officer told me he had seen the mate in the afternoon and gave it to Mr. Ripley."

Mr. J. S. Brewer, Government Marine Surveyor, said:—"I remember the *S. S. Lorne*; she has come under my notice in surveying. I can't state positively whether she had a collision bulkhead or not. On referring to Lloyd's Register she is stated to have had six bulkheads. From that I gather that she had a collision bulkhead. It is a fact that very few steamers are without one now, excepting river steamers."

The second officer, re-called, said there were a collision and fire bulkheads in the ship. He was considering the evidence the Court gave on the following finding:—

- (1) We find that the British steamship *Lorne*, official number 22,297, of Leith, of which Wm. Hunter was master, sailed from Saigon on or about 25th November last, bound for Hongkong, with a cargo of opium and paddy, and a crew of six European officers besides the master; that the crew consisted of the first officer, second officer, third officer, four stewards, and five stewards, besides about 60 Chinese passengers and one European.
- (2) That all went well until the night of the 3rd Dec., when shortly after midnight she struck on a danger of the East Coast of Hainan Island, which according to the position of the ship as brought out by the evidence before the Court, was about 10 m. E. by N. from the point of the island of Wat. (Lat. 11° 10' N. East, 17 miles South half West from Tinco Point) is not marked on Admiralty chart, and so sustained such damage as to cause her to founder, resulting unfortunately in loss of life, the only surviving officers, so far as can be ascertained, being the second mate and third engineer.
- (3) That the ship appears to have been properly found and in a seaworthy condition.
- (4) That the ship appears to have been supplied with proper charts, and that the error of the compass was known.
- (5) No steps appear to have been taken to keep the water under after the ship struck; but seeing that the ship went down in about half an hour after striking we conclude that the water came in so rapidly that no means which could have been adopted were likely to have proved effectual.
- (6) We are of opinion that the master was negligent in not more precaution in navigating the ship if he had not steered a course so close to the land up to 6 p.m. on the 3rd Dec., but we are not prepared to give it as our opinion that this contributed to the casualty. Apart from this it would appear that the ship was navigated in proper and prudent manner, and we attach no blame to the master or any of the officers.
- (7) We are further of opinion that if discipline and order had been maintained on board after the accident the deplorable loss of life would not have occurred. The boats appear to have been in good condition and of sufficient capacity for the number of persons on board; but the officers described as they were by the Master were quite unable to maintain order.
- (8) That the officers appear to have conducted themselves properly, and to have used their utmost endeavour to save the lives of those on board.

The Court notes with satisfaction the kindness of the Chinese shipwrecked sailors and women were treated by the natives with whom they were brought in contact.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the *Paris Figure*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion and premature decay. It is known as the "Secret of the Immortals" and is a discovery saved him from a miserable existence and an early grave. We learn that the Rev. Joseph (Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1., send the prescription; free of charge, on receipt of a self addressed stamped envelope.

THE RECENT STABBING CASE IN
THE PUBLIC GARDENS.

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The coroner then summoned up. He said he had asked the boy's father if he wished his son to give any evidence, and that he

replied he did not think it was necessary. They might therefore accept as a fact that the wound was inflicted by the boy, Gon-salves. If they thought the death was the result of the medical points of this wound, I would be for them to return a verdict of manslaughter against the boy. As the evidence was likely to be of a rather scientific character, he had thought it better to call in the additional evidence of Dr. Cantilero and Dr. Ayres. He then read out the most important points in the evidence of these two gentlemen. He said that if they thought death was the consequence of the wound and not of any free-determining cause, it was their duty to return a verdict of manslaughter, even though the doctors said they could not take to them the most important points that people better qualified than him to judge might think to be necessary. The only other verdict they could return, supposing they were of opinion that death occurred by this wound and that the boy was in a way to blame for the death, was that of manslaughter.

The jury retired to consider their verdict, and, on return, intimated by their foreman that they considered deceased's death was due to his own neglect and carelessness.

The Coroner:—I will record your verdict as 'death by misadventure.'

FOOTBALL MATCH.
OVER 24 P. UNDER 24.

This, the first match on the Club's programme, came off yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a somewhat unexpected victory for the 'Youngsters' by 4 goals to 2.

The kick off was delayed for some time owing to the late arrival of many of the 'players, and even when the ball was started by the 'Old Uns' both teams were in a second man. Almost at once the first point was scored by the 'Youngsters, the opposing back being caught napping but the 'Old Uns' were quick to recover and were very quickly equalised matters.

Nothing further was done in the way of scoring up to the call of half time, the most noticeable feature at this period of the game being a regrettable tendency on the part of several of the 'players to dispute the decisions of the umpire. After half time the 'Youngsters' began to display their superiority, and to defeat their opponents, the latter being very weak in their defence.

Three goals were scored in quick succession by the 'Youngsters; and although the 'Old Uns' worked the ball up to their opponents' goal line and many corner kicks were taken, they failed to score. The 'Youngsters' defence being too good for them to attack. At the call of time it was agreed to play on for 10 minutes, and the 'Old Uns', who had still a 'kick left in them took the ball right down the ground and scored a goal at once. After this nothing further resulted, and the game ended in a draw.

Next week's match will be on Thursday under Rugby union rules—English Pub. Schools (colours) v. The Club (white). Members who wish to play are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Secretary, and to state for which side they qualified to play.

A LOCAL VERSION OF 'WHISKY JOHNNY.'

Our own special poet has broken out about this Christmas season, and has sent us the following effusion, headed 'Dance of the pumps of a Cutty ship to tune of Whisky.'

The Fever travels up and down,
(Whisky—Johnny)
And down it all around the Town,
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
I come was in a fever ship,
(Whisky—Johnny)
Red tail and routine sailing hot
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
When you were the fever hot and strong,
(Whisky—Johnny)
Apply to 'ee, you can't go wrong
(Whisky—Johnny)
Oh! Medical Commission is stout and true,
(Whisky—Johnny)
Doctors all will never do,
(Whisky—Johnny)
Doctors we know will disagree
(Whisky—Johnny)
You talk of the fever must warmen D.
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
Now P. no wants to run the Mill,
(Whisky—Johnny)
But the public has to pay the Bill,
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
Say's P., 'You youngsters in your town,
(Whisky—Johnny)
Just look to the one, sneezes the mass!
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
Cut her out, the fever, and six
(Whisky—Johnny)
He has fairly wiped the old man's eye
(Whisky—Johnny)
And when he's finished up so neat,
(Whisky—Johnny)
The fever's all over his foot
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
He says 'You're false, ungrateful too,
(Whisky—Johnny)
For us we'll work the work he'll do,
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
Now we'll all adjourn to a whisky shop,
(Whisky—Johnny)
I think to old P. is a jolly good one
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
People with hobbies may shout and yell
(Whisky—Johnny)
We'll trot them around in the 'China Mail'
(Whisky for my Johnny.)
We'll sail all round great and small,
(Whisky—Johnny)
Look out for yourselves, else you'll go to the wall
(Whisky for my Johnny.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE RECENT FIRE.
To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL':
Hongkong, Dec. 2.

SIR,—Your remarks on the manner of the recent Wedohungo dealt with the on the 20th instants, have been thoroughly appreciated by the Chinese community, another instance of his utter incompetence for the position. Gentlemen come with the Volunteer Brigade assert that although there were four Government Engines with steam up, only two were allowed to be brought into use, with the result—in fact, the fire being confined to a house some six houses were partly destroyed. Mr. Wedohungo has long acted great objection to a free use of water, fire, and this ally 'Fan' has already both Insurance Companies and unfortunate families many thousands of dollars.

The extensive fire in Queen's Road was allowed to spread to an alarming extent before Mr. Wedohungo allowed the consents to avail himself of all the Fire engines. At Wanchai, the Brigade was to away before the fire among the moulded ruins was put out, and the result was broke out again and destroyed the adjoining house.

It is a monstrous injustice that such appointments should have been done that the Fire Brigade for the mere reason an increase of salary had to be furnished to Mr. Wedohungo, irrespective of consequences.

It being a positive fact that four Engines had steam up and only two were used, it proved unable to cope with the fire. The most serious damage was done there, and it behooves the Government to officially enquire into the conduct of the Fire Brigade Superintendent.—Yours,

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
LIMITED

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held at the Office of the General Managers on Friday, 30th December 1887 at 3 o'clock p.m.:-

The General Managers have to lay before the Shareholders the annual statement of Accounts made up to 30th November, 1887, and in accordance with the Resolution passed at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25th November 1886, the factory was closed, and the European workmen compromised with for the remainder of their engagements to the Company, and sent home as soon as possible. The General Managers have since endeavored to make arrangements for leasing or subletting the works to others, but without success, the unsatisfactory condition of the glass trade at home offering no inducement to anyone to embark further capital in it.

Under these circumstances it is useless to continue the concern longer, and as the first year's interest on the mortgage is now due, the only course open is to have the property sold and the Company wound up with as little delay as possible.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. James H. Cox and T. I. Rouse.

RESKELL & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1887.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

France seems about to spill her Gravy. The Queen of Sweden has become insane. The Emperor of Shikoku is preparing handsome presents for the Pope.

Rudolph Simon's large organ at Magdeburg has failed.

Buffalo Bill is said to have made \$100,000 in London with his Wild West show.

The sale of the art and literary collection of Henry Ward Beecher will probably bring in about thirty thousand dollars.

Haw's thief! A burglar broke into Pat's room at Craig-y-Nos, and finding nothing to steal but cigars, stole them.

A large hog held at Stuttgart has been burned to the ground. The loss is very heavy.

Sullivan, Blaine and Buffalo Bill are in Europe. It makes this country lonesome to export all our circus.

Public sanitation in the cities of Great Britain has reduced the death-rate twenty per cent in twenty years.

The contest for selling the Bad River Valley Railroad has been ratified by the Manitoba Government.

Ayoub Khan has succeeded to England. His late folly has nominated him as Khandidate for a chronic and well sustained longevity.

Langley has dismissed her leading man for leaving her. The gentleman, or lord probably wore out her shoes and patience.

John Bright has written a letter against church festivals. John has evidently got tired of feeling round for the single ones in his festival stow.

China census. Her census bill again claimed 418,000,000 people. If she was to swell it a bit she can have the China that are in California.

Recent tests show that the air brake can be applied to a freight train 2000 feet long running at 40 miles an hour, so as to stop it in 500 feet, or one fourth its length.

The Government is getting anxious about the facilities offered to cholera invasion by the new trans-Caspian railway. Therefore far less opportunity to quarantine against a railroad than a ship.

Six Mormon elders, proselyting Calera, Alabama, were tarred and feathered on Monday night because they would leave the country when ordered by people.

An exhibition of Edison's perfect phonograph was given privately to New York City on Thursday, 17 Nov. Edison expects to have a German patent suit in a success.

The strike amongst the workmen continues in London but does not affect the market at all. But just wait till there is a strike amongst the fellows who shovel sand in the anger!

Burnian says that at her death, Jenn Lind was worth \$1,000,000. This is according to the popular notion. It is better thought that her husband, Goldsman, has transferred most of her fortune to Volapuk, the universal language, has aswer words in it. Volapuking will not popular unless it have an annex for when the latch key is lost, a train miss, or a corn stepped on.

Anarchists must learn that America are a race which openly revolutionize against infernal cities, and that they go to country for secret assassination not revolution by covert means.

A Chicago showman has offered \$100 for the loan of the remains of Louis for the anarchist who committed suicide for one year, for the purpose of exhibiting in the United States.

The German nation the handsome monument to the German poet Goethe was in Fairmount Park, near Horticultural Philadelphia, on the 14th November, a Masonic ceremonies.

Russian officials along the whole Asia Russian border have been ordered to let the German language by March, 1888.

Has transferred most of her fortune to Volapuk to the efforts of one country to let the frontier defense of another.

Against some of the recent and old attacks on the Scriptures there was one yesterday, (18th Nov.) in Philadelphia, an undenominational convention of clergymen to impress more probably the idea of inspiration of the Bible.

The Moscow Gazette says: 'Russia now awfully say, 'We are ready.' This equivalent to a challenge and means the peace of Europe is likely to be broken. The death of the old Kaiser will bring the conflict.

Russia is no approbation of enterprise. A woman in that country who can at sixteen, and by the time she twenty-four has married and deserted ten husbands, has just been banished Siberia.

The cabling of Swinburn's tragedy, stating of 18,000 words, to the New York Times is the subject of much talk in New York, and among publishers. It thought such enterprise would not be a thing for book publishers.

The London Times' reporter in Rome writes that the Pope entirely disapproves lawlessness and political fanaticism of people in Ireland, and has sent instructions to the clergy in reference to that further. It is considered rather a delicate matter between lord and tenant.

Walking for exercise is fashionable in New York amongst ladies, and doctors say it is rapidly reducing receipts. That is what it is for. If you boil your drinking water and take a walk you will live to attend the funerals of your friends.

Revolutionaries have the full name of late minister for foreign affairs in Madagascar. He must drag it through life's day.

France. Mr Ravo, etc, etc, is a warning to gentlemen who try to put their country on

the market in a dull season.

Europe spends annually on armaments \$3,807,000,000, and the aggregate of national armaments is \$2,107,650,000, which the annual interest is \$1,000,000,000. This makes us feel peaceable. War is an expensive luxury—the tar-pain nose of nations.

Broncho Bill, one of Buffalo Bill's Wild West riders, recently went to an English fair, and he was completely astonished to find everybody that he lay down on the hounds and had to be stopped to keep him from riding entirely off the edge of the right light, tight little island.

The Society of American Artists in New York have passed resolutions in protest of the action of the Society for the Suppression of Vice in New York city in interfering with the sale of photographic reproductions of the works of noted artists because of the influence on public morals. The Artists defend the nude in art and claim that it is ennobling and refining in its influence.

The London correspondents of the New York *World* have been interviewed. Dr. Mackenzie, special physician to the German Crown Prince at the same time on Wednesday, 16th Nov., and wired a column of rot to their respective papers. The *Herald* slasher described him as 'with a thick, warm overcoat wrapped around him, tucked up about his ears, and with an amused smile on his face.' The *World* gusher found him at the same time 'dressed in a black velvet jacket and trousers of a bold check pattern, kindly luminous, liquid piercing eyes, hollow cheeks and gaunt.'

It is reported that Florence Nightingale is dying in London. This great, good woman may die but her memory is immortal, to be fondly cherished in every nation now and to be wherein men have gratitude for the helping and merciful hand. Around her ascending spirit is the incense that is in the blessings of the living and the dead, of those who have lived in a love of their fellow men whose hard death, on war-plowed fields within sound of still progressing battle, was somewhat soothed by the world's gentleness which she incarnated. The transition from this world to the next is merely her journey home; for, in those thundering days in the Crimean war, she was so busy with her history, she was transfixed, and death is by the translation of her angelhood to the congenial company of the saints.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 22.

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash... 48½
" Old Patna, cash... 47½
" Old " cash...
" New Malwa, cash... 510
" Allowance, Teals... 150
" Old Malwa, cash... 630/45
" Allowance, Teals... 12/32
" Persian, Oily, cash 600/650
" Allowance, Teals... None
" Persian, Paper tied 600/80
" Allowance, Teals... None

Exchange.

HONGKONG, December 22.

On London, Wire... 3/11
" On demand... 3/11
" 30 days sight... 3/11
" 4 months sight... 3/11
Credits 4 " ... 2/2
Documentary, 4 months sight, 3, 2½
On Paris—
" On demand... 2.82
" Credits, 4 months sight... 4.02
" On New York—
" On demand... 70
" Credits, 60 days sight... 72
" On Bombay—
" Wire... 220½
" On demand... 221
" On Calcutta—
" Wire... 2.04
" On demand... 221
" On Shanghai—
" On demand... 72
" 30 days sight... 72½
" Gold Loan, 100 fms... 32.70
" Sovereigns... 35.34

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s, Princes
Queen's Road.)

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.15	
Do.	1 P.M.	30.05	
Do.	4 P.M.	30.04	
Thermometer—	0 A.M.	68	
Do.	1 P.M.	72	
Do.	4 P.M.	70	
Do.	(Wet bulb) 0 A.M.	63	
Do.	Do.	1 P.M.	66
Do.	Do.	4 P.M.	66
Do.	Maximum	72	
Do.	Minimum	never night	64

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Barometer	30.05
Temperature	69
Humidity	65
Direction of Wind	WSW
Force	1
Weather	b

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 22, 1881

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

DECEMBER 21.—AT 4 P.M.

Nation.	Barometer to sea level and 5 P.M.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
W/ostock	29.82	31	—	—	0	o
Nagasaki	29.97	—	—	SESE	5	—
Shanghai	30.09	55	62	NW	1	b
Amoy	30.09	63	73	SW	2	b
Hongkong	31.03	63	73	E	3	b
Haiiphong	29.94	75	95	SE	3	b
Holmei	29.93	80	—	—	—	—
Manila	30.90	81	74	WNW	1	o

DECEMBER 22.—AT 10 A.M.

W/ostock	29.83	15	83	N	2	o
Nagasaki	30.11	—	N	2	—	—
Shanghai	30.26	47	85	NW	1	b
Amoy	30.20	58	94	SW	2	b
Hongkong	30.10	71	62	—	0	b
Haiiphong	30.42	70	95	E	2	o
Holmei	30.08	77	—	E	2	b
Manila	30.92	78	70	WNW	1	d

The barometer is rising and gradients of time moderate for N.E. winds. Fine warm and damp weather prevails.

W. DOBNEY,
Government Astronomer.

Hongkong Observatory, December 22, 1881.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 82 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in fathoms, is as under:-

2. THERMOMETER, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit:-

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, humidity of air saturated with moisture is 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, in two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's Scale:-

6. STATE OF WEATHER, in words, and abbreviations, as following: fair, b, c, r, s, t, e, f, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z, and any other words, as used in the weather service.

7. RAIN, in inches, and in tenths of an inch.

8. RAIN, in inches, and in tenths of an inch.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 22.

OPIMUM—	New Patna, cash...	482½
"	Old " cash, —	
"	New Benares, cash, 477½	
"	Old " cash, —	
"	New Malwa, cash...	510
"	Allowance, Telsa...	16
"	Old Malwa, cash...	530/45
"	Allowance, Telsa...	12/32
"	Persian, Oily, cash	600/650
"	Allowance, Telsa...	None
"	Persian, Paper tied	650/80

Exchange.		
Hongkong, December 22.		
On London—		
Bank, Wire,	On demand,	3/11
" " " " " "	30 days' sight,	3/18
" " " " " "	4 months' sight,	3/18
Credit, 4 months' sight,		3/18
Documentary, 4 months' sight,		3/22
On Paris—		
On demand,		3.92
Credit, 4 months' sight,		4.02
On New York—		
On demand,		75
Credit, 60 days' sight,		75 1/2
On Bombay—		
Wire,		220 1/2
On demand,		221
On Calcutta—		
Wire,		2.08
On demand,		221
On Shanghai—		
On demand,		72
30 days' sight,		72 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine,		32.70

Temperature.		
(Taken at Messrs Paley & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)		
BAROMETR—	9 A.M.	30.16
Do.	1 P.M.	30.05
Do.	4 P.M.	30.04
Thermometer—	9 A.M.	68
Do.	1 P.M.	72
Do.	4 P.M.	70
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	63
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	66
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	66
Do.	Maximum	72
Do.	Minimum over night	64

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.	
AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY.	
Barometer . . .	30.05
Temperature . . .	69
Humidity . . .	66
Direction of Wind . . .	wwv
Force . . .	1
Weather . . .	b

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGIC
REGISTER.
DECEMBER 21.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Humidity to sea level.	Temperature at sea level.	Humidity at surface.	Direction of surface wind.	Force.	Weather.
Wf Ostoch	29.62	31	—	—	0	o
Nagaaki	29.97	—	—	SESE	5	—
Shanghai	30.09	65	62	NW	1	h b
Amoy	30.09	65	73	NW	2	b b
Hankow	30.09	65	73	NW	2	b b
Hapihoo	29.94	63	73	NW	2	b b
Bolinea	30.03	80	—	NNE	2	b b
Manila	30.00	81	74	NW	1	o
DECEMBER 22, — at 10 A.M.						
Wf Ostoch	29.83	16	86	N	0	o
Nagaaki	30.11	—	—	N	2	1
Shanghai	30.26	47	85	NW	6	b b
Amoy	30.20	58	94	NW	2	b b
Hankow	30.15	71	71	NW	2	b b
Hapihoo	30.42	70	95	E	2	b b
Bolinea	30.08	77	—	E	2	b b
Manila	30.02	78	70	NW	1	d

wind moderate for N.E. winds. Fine warm and damp weather prevails.

W. DOBERNER,
Government Astronomer.
Hanyang Observatory, December 22

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2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in deg. Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation (humidity) air saturated with moisture h = 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, in two points.

5. FORCE OR WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, in three-fig., e.g. clear, cloudy, drizzling rain; fog; m. clouds; light, moderate, overcast, heavy rain; squally; rain; snow; thunder; hail; snow-fall.

7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and lines.

